

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge the allowability claims 1-7, 13-31 and 41-49 as indicated in the Office Action. The Office Action objects to claims 52-56 as being dependent of a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. As set forth below, the base claim, claim 50, has been amended to be in allowable form. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is requested.

The Office Action maintains the rejection of claims 7-12 and rejects claims 50-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Office Action indicates that claims 8-12 would be free of the art of record if the limitations of claim 9 were into claim 8 and that the limitations of claim 51 should be incorporated into claim 50. Claim 8 and 50 have been amended as suggested. Applicants note that claim 52 has been amended for clarity. Applicants understand that claims 7-12 and 50-56 are now in condition for allowance.

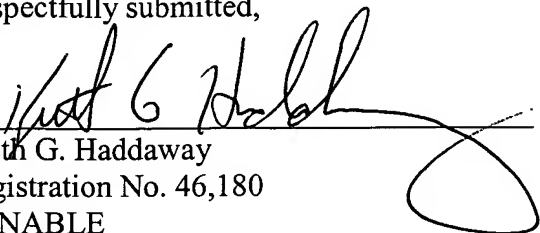
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate the allowability of claims 1-8, 10-31, 41-50 and 52-56 and the application pass to issue. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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